

# Rule Proposal Notice

**Waste 2 Resources Program**

**March 2016**

## Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program

The Department of Ecology proposes amendments to Chapter 173-910 WAC, Mercury-Containing Lights Product Stewardship Program. The rule proposal will be published in the Washington State Register on April 6, 2016.

### What is the purpose of this rule proposal?

The purpose of this proposal is to revise the rule to incorporate changes made to the underlying statute by the 2014 State Legislature. Revisions do not affect the way mercury-containing lights are managed. Proposed changes include:

- The requirement to fund the program through an environmental handling charge,
- Revised requirements for stewardship plans and annual reports, including independent financial audits,
- Changes in the number of lights that can be recycled per day,
- Changes in definitions,
- Sunset provisions, and
- Other changes as directed by the Legislature.

### What documents are available for review and comment?

The following documents are now available for review and comment:

- Proposed rule language.
- Environmental Checklist and Determination of Nonsignificance under the State Environmental Policy Act

To download these documents visit:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/rules/wac173910/1504docs.html>.

#### MORE INFORMATION

##### Changes in the Law:

Proposed changes to the rule reflect amendments to Chapter 70.95.275 RCW by the 2014 State Legislature. View the revised law at: [Chapter 70.275 RCW](#)

To learn more about mercury-containing lights visit our web site at:

[Ecology Mercury Lights Program](#)

##### To stay informed:

Join our ListServ for updates on the mercury lights program at: [Mercury Lights Listserv](#)

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**Public Comment period**

You can submit comments on this proposal through May 4, 2016.

You can give us your official comments in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at the public hearing.
2. Email your comments to: [w2rrulemaking@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:w2rrulemaking@ecy.wa.gov)
3. Mail your comments to:

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**Public hearing schedule**

April 27, 2016 – 2:00 PM                      Department of Ecology - Headquarters  
300 Desmond Dr SE  
Lacey, WA 98503.

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact Waste 2 Resources Program Reception at 360-407-6900 by April 25, 2016. TTY (877) 833-6341 or (711) Relay Service.

**Ecology's response to your comments**

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. We will publish responses to comments in a document called a Concise Explanatory Statement (CES). The CES is required by the Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05) and is available after the rule is adopted. You will find your name listed in the document with a reference to where, in the document, Ecology responded your comments.

**Expected adoption date**

Ecology expects to adopt this rule no earlier than May 24, 2016.

